(b) if so, what were the decisions taken thereat and the recovery made till 31st March, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was decided *inter-alia* that the jute mills will be regular in payment of current dues from the month of July, 1986 and the mill owners voluntarily agreed to a deduction of 8 per cent from the amount payable to them on all purchases of Government account. The amounts so realised were to be adjusted against their outstanding dues for the period prior to July, 1986.

The total amount of EPF/ESI dues realised by deduction from the amount payable to the jute mills upto 31.3.1988 was Rs. 172.70 lakhs.

**Arrears of employees provident fund in Jute Mills of West Bengal**

3081. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the amount lying as arrears in respect of payment to employees Provident Fund by the Jute Mills of West Bengal till March 31st 1988?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): According to available information, the arrears of EPF contributions from the jute Mills as on 31-3-1988 were as given below:—

(i) Unexempted establishments Rs. 4.49 Crores

(ii) Exempted establishments Rs. 69.06 Crores

**Defaulters in payment of Provident Fund dues**

3082. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the names and particulars of the defaulters in payment of provident fund dues of Rs. one lakh and above in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): A list of defaulters in payment of provident fund dues of rupees one lakh and above as on 31-3-'87 is contained in Appendix G and H of the Annual Report of the EPF Organisation for the year 1986-87 which was laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 8.12.1987. The report for the year 1987-88. which will contain the list of defaulters as on 31.3.88. is under compilation.

**Recommendation of Safety Conference on Mines**

3083. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what were the recommendations of the last two safety Conferences on Mines;

(b) the recommendations out of the above being implemented; and

(c) what are the reasons for non-implementation of a number of recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) to (c) The 5th Conference on Safety in Mines made recommendations on matters such as safety policy of mining companies adoption of improved technology, training and retraining of workers, Internal Safety Organisation, workers participation in safety management, prevention of roofs/sides fall accidents, health and prevention of fatigue, accuracy of mine plans, re-organisation of mines rescue services and role and function of DGMS. The 6th Conference on Safety in Mines made recommendations on accidents due to fall of roofs and sides, accidents due to dumpers and trucks in opencast mines, accidents